GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5553
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SALE PURCHASE OF PHOTOCOPIER PAPERS
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the Kendriya Bhandar has been selling photocopier paper of different brands for the last number of years and of late it was detected that the purchase and selling rates thereof were much higher than the open market consequent to which they stooped selling some of the varieties of photocopier papers and withheld payment of suppliers amounting to nearly Rs. 75 lakhs giving the name of the supplier;

(b) if so, the details of the photocopier papers indicating sizes, brand names and the purchase rates in the last 12 months, month-wise and brand-wise and rate-wise purchased/sold by the Kendriya Bhandar;

(c) whether the matter was enquired into and any responsibility fixed giving the details thereof, if not, the reasons thereof; and

(d) whether the Kendriya Bhandar has since invited open tenders for the purchase of photocopier papers;

(e) if so, the details of the response thereto indicating the brand name and rate selected, supplier-wise together with giving reasons for resorting to tender of branded items in contravention of the Purchase Policy; and

(f) the steps taken to eradicate the corruption in Kendriya Bhandar and to bring to book the officials responsible for spreading corruption and corrupt practices?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE II DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE. (SMT.VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a): Kendriya Bhandar has been selling photocopier paper of different brand for a number of years. The procurement is made from the supplier after obtaining an undertaking from them that they shall not supply the goods at lower rate to any other customer as compared to the rates quoted to Kendriya Bhandar. Action is taken to enforce this clause against supplier if any such case comes to the notice of Kendriya Bhandar. It was detected that M/S Modi Xerox Corporation have sold photocopier paper at a rate lower than the rate quoted to Kendriya Bhandar and accordingly a sum of Rs.60,19,822/- (not Rs.75 lakhs) has been recovered from the dues payable to M/S Xerox Modi Corporation being the difference in rates.

(b): This information is being compiled.

(c): No comments in view of (a) above.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e): The selection process is yet to be completed.

(f): Whenever any complaint is received against the employee(s), action against them is taken after carrying out necessary enquiries/investigations. The Kendriya Bhandar has a post of a CVO who independently investigates complaints & allegations of corruption.